

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A communication network and an associated network manager server according to the invention includes one or more instances of a first object type and one or more instances of a second object type. The first object type is associated with a first product of the communication network such as a PBX and the second object type is associated with a second product of the network such as a phone mail product. The network includes a first local module for configuring each instance of the first object type and a second local module for configuring each instance of the second object type. A network management server of the network includes a product specific coordinator. The product specific coordinator includes means for coordinating configuration activities among each instance of the first object type via the first local module and means for coordinating configuration activities among each instance of the second object type via the second local module. The network further includes a network coordinator adapted for configuring each instance of a network object, such as a person object that includes a PBX component and a phone mail component. The network object includes a first component associated with the first object type and a second component associated with the second object type. The communication network further includes a network management client that includes a graphical user interface adapted for enabling a user to invoke the network management server.